WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer implemented method for remotely configuring a Virtual Private Network (VPN) between a client-side system and a server-side system, comprising:

receiving data indicative of a selected server-side system and a selected client-side system between which a VPN is to be established;

automatically determining security settings for said client-side system based at least partially on said data; and

automatically transmitting VPN configuration details to said client-side system, where said VPN configuration details include said security settings,

such that in use said client-side system is automatically configured with said VPN configuration details to establish a secure VPN tunnel between said client-side system and said server-side system.

2. The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein said receiving comprises obtaining said data indicative of a selected server in said server-side system and a selected user of said client-side system from a system administrator, via an electronic network.

3. The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein said determining comprises creating a public and private key.

4. The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein said determining comprises establishing a Digital Certificate.

5. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

automatically ascertaining further security settings for said server-side system;

automatically transmitting VPN configuration details to a concentrator within said server-side system, where said VPN configuration details include said further security settings.

6. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

automatically ascertaining further security settings for said server-side system; and

automatically transmitting VPN configuration details to a firewall within said server-side system, where said VPN configuration details include said further security settings.

7. The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting comprises communicating said VPN configuration details to a modem within said client-side system.

8. The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting comprises communicating said VPN configuration details to a firewall on a modem within said client-side system.

9. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising the step, after said determining step, of: storing said data and said security settings.

10. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising the steps, after said transmitting step, of:

receiving a password from said client-side system; and

authenticating said password.

11. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

establishing a Virtual Private Network tunnel between said client-side system and said server-side system; and

verifying that said tunnel is operational.

12. The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising configuring a login page on a modem within said client-side system.

13. A computer program product for use in conjunction with a computer system for remotely configuring a Virtual Private Network (VPN) between a client-side system and a server-side system, the computer program product comprising a computer readable storage and a computer program stored therein, the computer program comprising:

instructions for receiving data indicative of a selected server-side system and a selected client-side system between which a VPN is to be established;

instructions for automatically determining security settings for said client-side system based at least partially on said data; and

instructions for automatically transmitting VPN configuration details to said client-side system, where said VPN configuration details include said security settings.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein said instructions for receiving further comprise instructions for obtaining said data indicative of a selected server in said server-side system and a selected user of said client-side system from a system administrator, via an electronic network.

15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein said instructions for determining further comprise instructions for creating a public and private key.

16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein said instructions for determining further comprise instructions for establishing a Digital Certificate.

17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein said computer program further comprises:

instructions for automatically ascertaining further security settings for said server-side system; and

instructions for automatically transmitting VPN configuration details to a concentrator within said server-side system, where said VPN configuration details include said further security settings.

18. A computer implemented method for remotely configuring a Virtual Private Network (VPN) between a client-side system and a server-side system, comprising:

receiving at a modem within said client-side system, VPN configuration details from a service provider system, where said VPN configuration details include security settings for establishing a VPN with a remote server-side system; and

automatically configuring said modem, with said VPN configuration details,

such that in use a secure VPN tunnel can be established between said client-side system and said server-side system.

19. The computer implemented method of claim 18, wherein said configuring further comprises setting-up a firewall on said modem with said security settings.

20. The computer implemented method of claim 18, further comprising:

receiving a password from said client-side system; and

authenticating said password.

21. The computer implemented method of claim 20, wherein said authenticating comprises:

sending said password to an authentication server within said server-side system ;

receiving authentication from said authentication server.

22. A remotely configurable Virtual Private Network (VPN) comprising:

a client-side network comprising:

a modem that communicates with the Internet; and

at least one client computer electrically coupled to said modem;

a server-side network comprising:

a VPN concentrator that communicates with the Internet; and

at least one server electrically coupled to said VPN concentrator; and

a service provider network comprising:

a security generator for automatically determining security settings used to secure VPN communication between said client computer and said server;

a VPN synchronizer for automatically configuring said modem with said security settings; and

a modem synchronizer for automatically configuring said modem with said security settings.

23. The remotely configurable Virtual Private Network (VPN) of claim 22, wherein said modem is a DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) modem.

24. The remotely configurable Virtual Private Network (VPN) of claim 18, wherein said server-side network further comprises:

a router configured to electrically couple to the Internet;

a firewall electrically coupled to said router;

an authentication server for authenticating a user of said client computer;

a file server;

a proxy server; and

a DNS (Domain Name System) server.

25. The remotely configurable Virtual Private Network (VPN) of claim 22, wherein said server-side network further comprises an authentication server for authenticating a user of said client computer.

26. The remotely configurable Virtual Private Network (VPN) of claim 22, wherein said service provider network further comprises:

a VPN provider;

a DNS (Domain Name System) server; and

an HTTP server.

27. The remotely configurable Virtual Private Network (VPN) of claim 22, wherein said security generator is a PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) Synchronizer.